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UPDATE

March 15, 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING PRODUCER MEETING DATES:

Wednesday, April 10th – Swift Current
Thursday, April 11th – Warman
Friday, April 12th – Fort Qu'Appelle

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University of Saskatchewan Scholarship
WINNERS

Graduate Scholarship

Brittney Schurmann

Undergraduate Scholarship

Rae-Leigh Pederzolli

QUOTA EXCHANGE

The market-clearing price established for the March 2013 Quota Exchange was **$31,510.00**.

The next Quota Exchange will be held on **April 15, 2013**. All offers to sell and bids to purchase quota through the Quota Exchange must be received at the SaskMilk office by midnight, **April 6, 2013**. SaskMilk recommends that offers and bids be submitted well in advance of the deadline date to ensure adequate time for corrections, if necessary.

When making bids on the Quota Exchange, the price on offers to sell quota is the minimum price that the producer is prepared to accept for that quota. Only if the market-clearing price is equal to or greater than the producer's minimum price will that producer qualify for participation in the Exchange. Conversely, the price on offers to purchase quota is the maximum price that the producer is prepared to pay for that quota. Only if the market-clearing price is equal to or less than the producer's maximum price will that producer qualify for participation in the Exchange. The clearing price is set at the price where the smallest difference exists between the accumulated volume offered for sale and the accumulated volume bid to purchase.

The results of the Quota Exchange are outlined in the following Table.

MARCH 2013 QUOTA EXCHANGE RESULTS SUMMARY

Market Clearing Price per kilogram of butterfat	**$ 31,510.00**	
Daily Kilograms offered to Purchase		**66.78**
Kilograms offered to Sell		**67.92**
Kilograms sold		**36.05**
Number of Producers		
- offered to purchase	**8**	
- purchased quota	**3**	
- offered to sell	**8**	
- sold quota	**4**	

MARCH 2013 QUOTA EXCHANGE CLEARING PRICE RESULTS

Price ($/daily kg b.f.)	No. of Sellers	Cumulative Sellers	Daily Kgs b.f. offered for sale	Cumulative sales	Cumulative Sales less Cumulative purchases	Cumulative purchases	Daily Kgs b.f. offered to purchase	Cumulative Buyers	No. of buyers
$30,000.00	1	1	20.00	20.00	-46.78	66.78	0.00	8	0
$30,100.00	0	1	0.00	20.00	-46.78	66.78	4.00	8	1
$30,700.00	0	1	0.00	20.00	-42.78	62.78	1.50	7	1
$31,000.00	0	1	0.00	20.00	-41.28	61.28	2.00	6	1
$31,500.00	3	4	16.05	36.05	-23.23	59.28	20.00	5	2
$31,510.00	**0**	**4**	**0.00**	**36.05**	**-3.23**	**39.28**	**15.00**	**3**	**1**
$31,750.00	1	5	1.50	37.55	13.27	24.28	0.00	2	0
$31,999.00	1	6	24.00	61.55	37.27	24.28	0.00	2	0
$32,010.00	0	6	0.00	61.55	37.27	24.28	9.28	2	1
$32,500.00	1	7	3.00	64.55	49.55	15.00	15.00	1	1
$32,600.00	1	8	3.37	67.92	67.92	0.00	0.00	0	0

*** Please contact Bev Solie at 306-949-6999 for inquiries dealing with quota management sheets, the Quota Exchange, for transfer credits, or with any other quota transactions.**

TRANSFER CREDIT SUMMARY REPORT

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS TRANSFER IN	# OF PRODUCERS TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL KGS BUTTERFAT
February	18	16	13,595
March	16	16	8,585
April	30	18	27,232
May	13	12	12,700
June	11	12	9,467
July	7	7	6,610
August	8	9	7,748
September	17	15	16,499
October	22	16	17,681
November	25	22	21,887
December	27	23	29,882
January, 2013	14	17	13,158
February	16	15	10,369

OVER QUOTA (OVER 5 DAYS) REPORT BY MONTH

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS	KGS BUTTERFAT
February	11	4,724
March	11	3,154
April	27	9,368
May	22	3,358
June	9	1,120
July	5	441
August	4	403
September	7	367
October	8	1,035
November	13	2,403
December	15	2,847
January, 2013	19	4,848
February	17	3,436

SUMMARY REPORT OF CREDITS February, 2013 – 168 PRODUCERS

DAYS	# OF PRODUCERS	POSITIVE CREDITS ACCUMULATED (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
+ 5	17	7,631
0 to + 5	40	13,511
TOTAL	57	21,142
DAYS	**# OF PRODUCERS**	**NEGATIVE CREDITS ACCUMULATED (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)**
-15	11	-15,535
-10 to -15	19	-34,395
-5 to -10	35	-40,282
0 to -5	46	-24,357
TOTAL	111	-114,569

LOST OPPORTUNITY REPORT

MONTH	# OF PRODUCERS	LOST OPPORTUNITY (KGS OF BUTTERFAT)
February	4	1,487
March	8	3,854
April	13	9,776
May	10	5,501
June	11	6,523
July	16	9,952
August	22	13,704
September	24	15,137
October	20	12,061
November	13	7,449
December	13	6,389
January, 2013	10	4,550
February	11	4,520

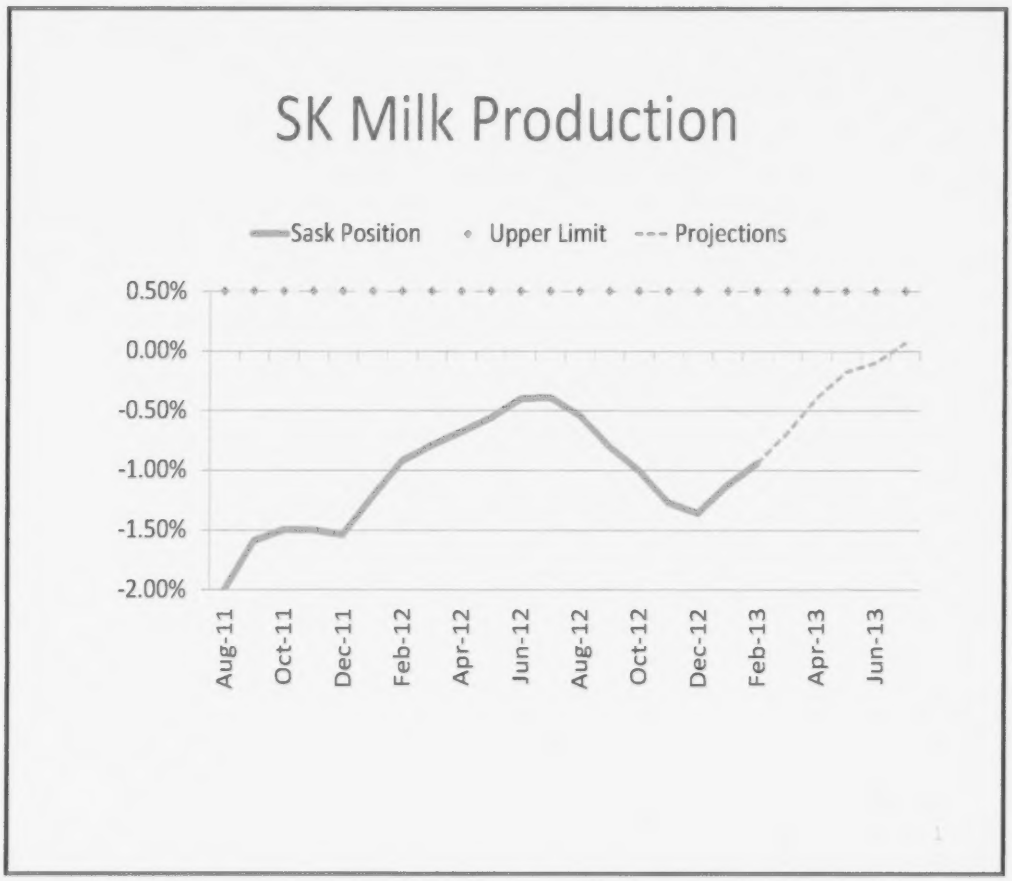
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMPONENT TESTS & PRICES February, 2013

Components	Average Test	Price per kilogram Class 1 to 5
Butterfat	3.9179	11.349800
Protein	3.3772	8.349807
Other Solids	5.7046	1.235790

Based on the average component tests for the province, the average price received was **$79.7157** per hectolitre. **The average butterfat price received per kilogram was $20.25.**

SASKATCHEWAN MILK POOL RESULTS February 2013

Milk Sale Revenue	$ 14,300,047.44
Western Milk Pool	$ 176,017.26
Plant of Last Resort Service	$ (56,147.43)
Total Pool Value	**$ 14,419,917.27**



In February, Saskatchewan had a monthly CDC allocation of **695,378 kilograms** of butterfat. In the month of February, Saskatchewan production was **16,771** of butterfat **over** and cumulatively **under** by **-84,357 kilograms** of butterfat. On a percentage basis, Saskatchewan is **-0.94%** within our CDC allocation flexibility limits based on the Continuous Quota model. The -1.50% lower flexibility limit is in effect.

	(1) Monthly Total Production Kgs bf	(2) Total Monthly CDC Quota Allocation Kgs bf	(3) Monthly Over or (Under) Production Kgs bf col. 1 – 2 = 3	(4) Lower Flexibility Limit **(1.5%)** Kgs bf col. 9 * -1.5%	(5) Upper Flexibility Limit **1.0%** Kgs bf col. 9 *1.0%	(6) Cumulative Over or (Under) Production with limits Kgs bf	(7) Cumulative Over or (Under) Production with limits in - % col. 6 / 9	(8) Over Quota or (Lost Production Opportunity) Kgs bf	(9) Rolling 12 Month Total Quota Kgs bf
Feb-12	752,035	725,489	26,546	(135,400)	45,133	**(82,817)**	**-0.92%**	0	9,026,671
Mar-12	781,420	769,585	11,835	(135,588)	45,196	**(70,982)**	**-0.79%**	0	9,039,176
Apr-12	744,524	735,251	9,273	(135,553)	45,184	**(61,708)**	**-0.68%**	0	9,036,834
May-12	765,359	754,299	11,060	(135,605)	45,202	**(50,772)**	**-0.56%**	0	9,040,303
June-12	737,921	723,028	14,893	(135,565)	45,188	**(35,917)**	**-0.40%**	0	9,037,685
July-12	723,166	721,246	1,920	(135,331)	45,110	**(33,997)**	**-0.38%**	0	9,022,051
Aug-12	721,786	735,300	(13,514)	(135,181)	45,060	**(47,511)**	**-0.53%**	0	9,012,093
Sept-12	710,635	733,804	(23,169)	(135,045)	45,015	**(72,158)**	**-0.80%**	0	9,002,999
Oct-12	756,961	776,372	(19,411)	(135,079)	45,026	**(91,611)**	**-1.02%**	0	9,005,253
Nov-12	739,624	763,489	(23,866)	(135,022)	45,007	**(115,477)**	**-1.28%**	0	9,001,456
Dec-12	775,085	787,512	(12,427)	(134,977)	44,992	**(126,691)**	**-1.41%**	0	8,998,476
Jan-13	788,550	767,300	21,251	(134,846)	44,949	**(100,685)**	**-1.12%**	0	8,989,708
Feb-13	712,149	695,378	16,771	(134,400)	44,800	**(84,357)**	**-0.94%**	0	8,960,033

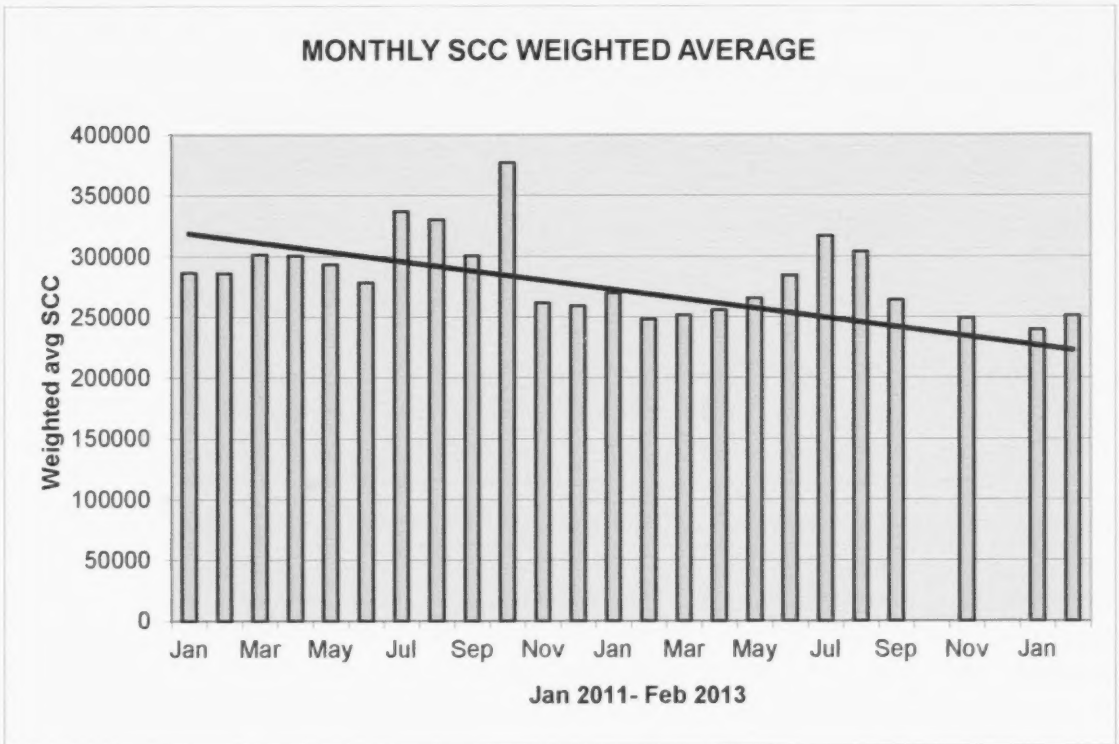
(1) Monthly Production in Saskatchewan
(2) Total Monthly Quota = Class 1 sales + Monthly MSQ + Carry Forward
(3) Difference between the monthly production (1) and the total monthly quota (2)
(4) The Lower Flexibility Limit is -1.5% of Rolling 12 Month Total Quota (9)
(5) The Upper Flexibility Limit is 1.0% of Rolling 12 Month Total Quota (9)
(6) Previous Month Cumulative Over or (Under) Production + Current Monthly Over or (Under) Production (capped at lower or upper limit if applicable)
(7) Equal to Column (6) expressed as a percentage basis within the flexibility limits
(8) Over Quota or (Lost production opportunity) outside of flexibility limits
(9) Total Monthly CDC Quota Allocation for the previous 12 months

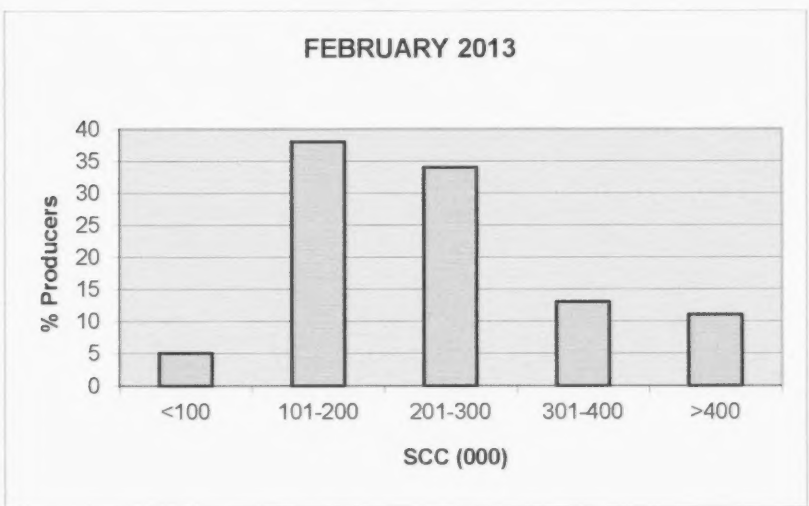
SCC LIMIT NOW 400,000

Effective January 1, 2013, the SCC limit has changed to 400,000. Penalties and violations will be applied based on the new limit.

The following graphs provide producers with an overview of the Provincial Somatic Cell Count weighted average on a monthly basis as well as a breakdown of the % of producers in each SCC level for the month of January 2013.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact: Deb Haupstein at 306-721-9486.





What is SNF:Bfat Ratio?

SNF = Solids Not Fat
Solids= protein plus other solids (OS) OS= lactose plus minerals

SNF:Bfat Ratio measures the kilograms of SNF produced to every kilogram of Bfat produced.

In 2006 the CMSMC set SNF to Bfat Ratios for all provinces to reduce structural surplus in Canada. Surplus skim milk powder is the "structural surplus" that occurs when farmers meet their quotas for dairy fat production and brings excess protein and other solids along with it.

Saskatchewan's base SNF:BF ratio was set at 2.4416 effective August 2006.

You can find the SNF:BF ratio for your farm on your weekly lab report and on your monthly producer statement. **How does your SNF:BF ratio compare to the provincial base?**

Over the next few months SaskMilk will be providing producers with further information on SNF.

INHIBITOR TEST STATIONS

SaskMilk has established a number of inhibitor test stations around the province. Producers needing to check their bulk tanks for inhibitors can take a sample to the test station closest to their location.

Charm test strips are available to test for:
Beta-Lactams- the Charm 3 SL3 Beta Lactam test strip tests for amoxicillin, ampicillin, ceftiofur, cephapirin, cloxacillin, and penicillin G

Tetracyclines- the Charm Tetracycline test strip tests for chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline and tetracycline.

Sulfas- the Charm Sulfa test strip tests for sulfacetamide, sulfachlorpyridazine, sulfadiazine, sulfadimethoxine, sulfadoxine, sulfacthoxypyridazine, sulfamerazine, sulfamethazine, sulfamethizole, sulfamethoxazole, sulfamethoxypyridazine, sulfapyridine, sulfaquinoxaline, sulfathiazole,and sulfisoxazole.

Test stations are located at the following locations:

1. Swift Current, SK - Agrifoods truck bay - 675 Cheadle Street West
   Office 306-773-1991 or Rodger Ruf 306-741-3261
2. Harris, SK - Cairnside Farm – Wes Cairns 306-665-4807
3. Star City, SK - Star City Colony - Reuben Tschetter 306-921-9381
4. Grenfell, SK - Jim Ross 306-697-2232
5. Yorkton, SK - Ford Dairy Farms Inc. - Bud and Margaret Ford 306-782-7240
6. Saskatoon, SK – Agrifoods Truck Bay - east of the Saputo plant receiving bay
   lead hand - Jim or Clint 306-664-0202 after hours: 306-668-8135

Charm tests strips and Charm testers are now available for purchase through SaskMilk. Agrifoods is now carrying SNAP test kits for tetracylcines as well as beta lactams.

For further information you can contact: Deb Haupstein 306-721-9486

Code of Practice

4.6 Tail Docking (67)

Cows use their tails as a natural fly swat, and with each swat, the tail comes into contact with parts of their body. Some producers believe that tail docking contributes to cleaner cows, decreased risk of udder infections, and improved working conditions for milkers.

However, research has not identified any differences in udder or leg hygiene, somatic cell count, or prevalence of intramammary pathogens that could be attributed to tail docking.

Tail docking of calves or adults causes pain and discomfort. Docked heifers show signs of chronic pain as indicated by greater sensitivity to heat and cold of the tail stump. Neuroma formation, risk of post-operative infections and loss of the switch for fly control are welfare considerations associated with tail docking.

REQUIREMENTS

Dairy cattle must not be tail docked unless medically necessary.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES

a. use alternatives to tail docking (e.g., switch trimming)
b. build stalls and floors that contribute to cow cleanliness
c. clean stalls and floors frequently to ensure cow cleanliness (refer to Section 1 Accommodation, Housing and Handling Facilities)
d. trim tail switches two to three times per year

If You Can't Ship It - Test It!

BSE surveillance is still important and every animal tested makes a difference.

Support your cattle industry by having your 4-D (dead, diseased, dying or downer) cattle tested for BSE.

For more information, call the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at 1-877-727-5273.

SPRING SALE

Thursday April 25th, 2013 – La Broquerie MB

In conjunction with the spring show

Come for lunch at **noon**
Stay for the sale at **1 o'clock**

Looking for your **consignments**
Call Neale at 724-4682

Sale Staff:

-Derek Reimer
-Orville Schmidt
-Tom Degroot
-Jordan Konkel

QUOTA LISTING or CLASSIFIED AD SERVICE

SaskMilk offers a free quota listing service as part of its Newsletter. Anyone wishing to sell or purchase quota and/or cows or miscellaneous dairy equipment is welcome to contact the SaskMilk office at (306) 949-6999. All prices and negotiations will be independent of SaskMilk.

Please note that ads will be posted in two issues and will then be removed unless SaskMilk is notified otherwise.

Classifieds

- **Bred and Unbred Heifers** for sale. Call: Sheldon Peifer (306) 862-7140

- Short & medium length rotary wheat straw bales: 3'x3'x7'; approx. 600lbs each; RFV: 65.77; Protein: 7.14; Moisture: 15.1; Tarped. Asking $18 a bale at the stack. Delivery is available. Weber Forage & Grass Farms
  www.weberforageandgrass.com
  Joel Weber, (204) 761-8891, Box 8 Site 500 RR5, Brandon, MB, R7A

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